

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (New): A process comprising
dissolving or dispersing a toner composition comprising a polyester-containing prepolymer and a colorant in an organic solvent to prepare a liquid,
dispersing said liquid in an aqueous medium in the presence of at least one of an inorganic dispersant or a powdery polymer to obtain a dispersion,
subjecting said dispersion to a polyaddition reaction to polymerize said prepolymer and to obtain a reaction mixture; and
removing the solvent from said reaction mixture to obtain a dry toner.

Claim 23 (New): The process as claimed in claim 22, wherein said prepolymer is an isocyanate group-containing polyester prepolymer, and wherein said dispersion further comprises an amine.

Claim 24 (New): The process according to Claim 22, wherein the dry toner comprises a modified polyester having a molecular weight distribution according to gel permeation chromatography wherein

- (a) a main peak is present in a molecular weight region of 1000 to 30,000,
- (b) that portion of the modified polyester having a molecular weight of at least 30,000 accounts for 1 to 10% based on a total weight of the modified polyester, and

(c) a ratio (M_w/M_n) of the weight average molecular weight M_w of the modified polyester to the number average molecular weight M_n of the modified polyester is not smaller than 2 but not greater than 15.

Claim 25 (New): The process as claimed in Claim 22, wherein the modified polyester is at least one selected from the group consisting of an amine-modified polyester, an acryl-modified polyester, a styrene-modified polyester, a silicone-modified polyester.

Claim 26 (New): The process as claimed in Claim 22, further comprising:
producing the modified polyester.

Claim 27 (New): The process as claimed in Claim 26, wherein producing the modified polystyrene includes:

reacting a polyol and a polyacid in the presence of an esterification catalyst to form a hydroxyl group-containing polyester,

reacting the hydroxyl group-containing polyester with a polyisocyanate at from 40 to 140°C to obtain a prepolymer,

reacting the prepolymer with an amine at from 0 to 140°C to obtain the modified polyester.

Claim 28 (New): The process as claimed in Claim 27, wherein the polyol and the polyacid are reacted in the presence of tetrabutoxytitanate or dibutyl tin oxide.

Claim 29 (New): The process as claimed in Claim 27, wherein the reaction of the polyol and polyacid is carried out under reduced pressure while removing water.

Claim 30 (New): The process as claimed in Claim 27, wherein the reaction of the polyol and the polyacid is carried out in the presence of a solvent.

Claim 31 (New): The process as claimed in Claim 27, wherein the prepolymer is reacted with the amine in the presence of a solvent.

Claim 32 (New): The process as claimed in Claim 31, wherein the solvent is at least one selected from the group consisting of aromatic solvents, ketones, esters, amides, and ethers.

Claim 33 (New): The process as claimed in Claim 31, wherein the solvent is selected from the group consisting of toluene, xylene, methylethylketone, methylisobutylketone, ethylacetate, dimethylformamide, dimethylacetamide, and tetrahydrofuran.

Claim 34 (New): The process as claimed in Claim 22, further comprising mixing the dry toner with at least one of a coloring agent, wax or charge controlling agent to obtain a mixture.

Claim 35 (New): The process as claimed in Claim 34, further comprising kneading the mixture.

Claim 36 (New): The process as claimed in Claim 35, further comprising solidifying the kneaded mixture, then grinding the solidified mixture.

Claim 37 (New): An image forming method comprising
transferring a toner image carried by a toner image carrier to an image receiving
member, and
cleaning residual toner remaining on said toner image carrier with a blade,
wherein said toner is obtained by the process according to claim 22.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 22-37 are active in the present application. Claims 1-21 have been canceled. Claims 22-39 are new claims. Support for new Claim 22 is found in original Claim 4. Support for new Claim 23 is found in original Claim 5. Support for new Claim 24 is found in original Claim 1. Support for new Claim 25 is found on page 11, line 12 through page 12, line 9. Support for new Claims 26-34 is found on page 16, line 33 through page 17, line 15. Support for new Claim 35 is found on page 28, lines 9-20. Support for new Claim 36 is found on page 28, lines 21-30. Support for new Claim 37 is found in original Claim 21. No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment.